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## FROM ORAN.

About 8:30 Monday evening as Mrs. A. J. Horn, her daughter, Nellie, and two little boys were entering their home they saw a man standing in the doorway. They became alarmed and ran, screaming, from the house. The neighbors investigated but could find no one. Rumor says that some one has been seen at several houses during the past month and whoever it is makes his appearance during the night. So far there has been no harm done except frighten the women folks. This, however, may prove an unprofitable employment. We would suggest to the ladies the propriety of closing and locking the doors when leaving the house unoccupied. This is a barrier to the average tramp and in case the house is locked the tramp who enters would be subject to punishment by law, but if the house is left open the tramp can enter and make all kinds of excuses for doing so. A night watchman these critical times would not be a bad investment.

The strike is the principal topic of conversation among our citizens and those we have heard express themselves are in sympathy with the laboring man. We would spread ourselves and say something very grand and lofty on this and other political points but when we do anything like this the editor becomes jealous of our power as a writer and throws our sublimated efforts into the waste basket. See!

Joseph Bles gives a new version as to why Cleveland sold out. Joe says Garfield was killed because he would not pander to the Wall street gold bugs, and that Cleveland sold out to avoid being shot. If Joe's theory is correct, Cleveland is justifiable (in being shot.)

The storm Sunday morning last scattered wheat "fore and aft" blew down a shed on the premises where your scribe lives and came very near killing our \$1000 (more or less) horse. We were in our storm cellar rejoicing in our safety when we were the only man damaged in town.

Theo Osborne, of Parker, accidentally shot himself last Saturday, the ball entering the fleshy part of the thigh. Dr. W. E. Harris cut it out and Mr. O. went his way rejoicing.

All the section men on the Belmont branch were pulled off Monday.

Rufus Finley, of St. Louis, was on our streets Tuesday.

Dr. Clark, the banjoist, returned Tuesday.

Dr. C. C. Harris, of Morley, was here Tuesday.

Frank Zundel went to St. Louis Saturday. He speaks of moving to that city. Rumor says that he has been offered \$1,000 for his house and lot here and it is probable he will accept it.

We believe all our teachers both real and prospective were successful at the Teachers' Institute held at Commerce.

Caleb Matthews says his drugstore is known far and wide, that he has calls from Benton. By the way if the strike does not interfere, Caleb's stock of drugs will be immense by the time this reaches the reader.

Uncle Billy Reed was in town Tuesday. He says that the prospect for a corn crop in the swamp is better than at any time during the past eleven years. Hurrah for poor old Missouri.

—The Fourth of July—the real Fourth—will be on the 17th in Benton, when James Walker will give the best picnic the county has ever seen. All the candidates are invited to speak and there will be amusements of all kinds in profusion. As for the eating, that is always good at Walker's barbecues.

—There were rumors of a murder near Oran Friday night of last week, but we can learn nothing authentic about the matter.

—In the horse race in Benton on Thursday the horses came in thusly: Dr. Butler's Calamity, 1st; Tom Donovan's Cyclone, 2nd; Graben's Tartar, 3rd; Keese's Git Thar, 4th; Chap Wade's Tumble Bug, 5th and Chap Myers' Rip Van Winkle, 6th.

## SOUTHEAST NOTES.

Fredericktown will have electric lights in the near future, the plant being now in course of erection.

Farmington, with six months of school and De Soto with seven are put to the blush by Benton with eight and Kennett with ten months.

Dick Davis, colored, shot and killed Amanda Woods, also colored, at Neeleyville. Mrs. Woods was fighting in defence of her husband, who was being fired upon by Davis. The latter is in jail at Poplar Bluff.

A thief at Ironton stole a set of the "People's Encyclopedia" from the public school library. There's curiosity for you!

The ladies of Bloomfield, like those of De Soto, have a Keweenaw League, which gets a man cured once in a while. This beats denouncing, groaning over or praying for a drunkard, every time.

"Dr." Slater, an alleged spirit medium, victimized a hotel and some barrooms in Farmington. Look out for the fraud.

The Christian church (Campbellite) is making quite a number of proselytes in Southeast Missouri. Its ministers are generally educated and intelligent men.

A man named Page was fatally hurt by a falling tree at Marshall's camp, Butler county on the 20th ult.

Bros. Allen, of the Marble Hill Press, and Green, of the Lutesville Banner, call one another all manner of hard names. Tom will get licked again if he isn't careful.

The De Soto postoffice now pays \$1,800 a year. The New Madrid office has been reduced from a presidential to a fourth-class office.

Butler county sold her swamp land to George B. Wheeler for \$1.65 per acre. She will regret that deal before ten years are over.

"Avoirpouls" parties are the latest agony. At Dexter they had one which netted the temperance people \$20. Prizes are given to the heaviest and lightest couple respectively. What next?

The Jackson Cash Book has lost its religious editor. The prohibition editor should follow. The political and news editor is as good as they make 'em.

A swindler whose method is similar to that of C. H. Travis has taken \$100 or so out of the island of Kasakania. It may be Travis under a new name.

An employee of the Crystal Plate Glass Co. has recovered \$5,000 damages for injuries sustained in the employment of the company.

Montesano Park, Kimmswick, has become a great St. Louis Sunday resort, as many as 15,000 people going there every Sunday.

The Cape Girardeau city officials who looked up a drummer a year ago for having no license are being sued by that drummer for \$20,000 damages.

New Madrid county has another rape case on hand. This crime seems to be on the increase and, outside of Judge Lynch's court, the cases are not prosecuted with sufficient vigor.

## Don't Sign 'Em.

The Monroe County Appeal says: "It must keep the farmer tolerably busy to watch for all the traps laid for his special downfall. The latest scheme is worked by a fellow who calls upon the farmer and pays him \$5 for the privilege of posting bills on his fence. He takes a receipt for the amount and in a few days the bank does the rest." The only safe plan for the farmer to pursue is to sign nothing for a stranger.

—Z. T. Gordon, of Morley, brought us in a cantaloupe Tuesday which weighed 31 pounds. It was not ripe nor likely to get ripe off the vine, but fruit in just that condition has been shipped in recent years and has done harm to our growers. Mr. Gordon says it is folly to ship such stuff, as the buyer "once bit is twice shy." He is right.

—John Hutchison, employed at Rufus West's log camp ten miles from Himmelberger's mill, was killed by a falling tree on Thursday of last week.

## CARD.

We desire to tender to the teachers who attended the Scott County Institute our sincere thanks for their promptness and good deportment while in attendance, and their honesty upon examination.

We furthermore assure the teachers that we have endeavored to treat all alike in making up the grades for certificates.

In granting certificates we thought it best to grant only third grade to those not having any experience in teaching, and in making up the grades we found that 15 were entitled to third, 17 to second and 5 to first respectively. Those receiving first grade were graduates of the State Normal or High Schools.

We feel confident in saying that it is the best corps of teachers that Scott county has ever had, and we predict a better year's work than has ever been done. Well may old Scott county feel proud of her sons and daughters, for it is nearly all home talent.

Fraternally,

W. G. ARCHBOLD, Conductor.

J. M. COOK, Instructor.

—We have had splendid harvest weather and threshing has not been interfered with by rain to any extent. Our farmers find that wheat threshes out better than they expected, and it is in prime condition. As for melons, the growers say they never had as fine a prospect. The Diehlstadt crop will be nearly two weeks earlier than last year. Scott county will come out ahead this season, or all signs will fail. Trade will be unusually brisk, for our people have been "flying light" during many months. There's a boom just ahead of us, and the calamity howler is hereby given hours to "git."

—The wind storm Sunday unroofed the depot at Caney Station. blew down some wheat stacks, uprooted a few trees and raised a deuce of a dust, but no casualties of any importance are reported.

—The tie-up on the railroads has stopped traffic on the Belmont branch and Charleston merchants are getting their freight by river. The strike will not last long. Public opinion everywhere condemns it. It is the work of a few pestilent agitators who make a dishonest living by just such vile means.

—The feather renovators have struck the county. We don't know anything for or against this particular company, but here are a few pointers as to the business: The steam process gives the feathers a nice, puffed-up look on delivery but destroys the natural elasticity of the feathers, and in a few weeks they are sodden and useless. Weigh the beds with your own scales both on sending and receiving back. They should not lose over a pound per bed. See that you get back the same kind of feathers and that no chicken feathers are substituted. Keep a lookout that the concern is not accumulating feathers at headquarters or shipping to the city. If the company is all right it will court investigation, and the notoriety that feather companies have acquired will justify you in taking the precautions suggested.

—Mrs. Capt. Grey, of Cape Girardeau, is the guest of her niece, Mrs. C. A. Leedy.

—Dr. Gupton says he has received no notification by the Populists of his nomination by them for Representative, and that he would not run on that ticket in any case, not being in sympathy with the Populist platform.

—The Newsum trial at Jackson resulted in a verdict of murder in the first degree and sentence of hanging on July 27th. A new trial was applied for and granted. The next or third trial is set for September.

—Albert DeReign was taken seriously ill on Monday night and is still confined to his room but making a good recovery.

—L. L. Profit was a very sick man Monday morning, but is again able to be up and out.

## Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between Nicholas Schlosser and A. W. Dinnberger is this day dissolved.

NICH. SCHLOSSER,  
A. W. DINNBERGER.

New Hamburg, July 2, 1894.

## FROM BLODGETT.

John Bomer living near Cross Plains died on June 27th.

Frank Baty, of Union City, Tenn., is visiting his brother, J. W. Baty, at this place this week.

Miss Annie Leake returned home Wednesday.

Miss Mary Phelps returned from Commerce Saturday.

Among those who took in the show at Charleston, June 28th, we noticed J. H. Stubbs and wife, Dr. Smith and wife, A. J. Hawkins, Chas. W. Hawkins and Miss Birdie Tetrich.

The Blodgett Dramatic Company presented the great temperance drama, "Broken Fetters," at this place Tuesday eve, July 3d, to a fair sized audience. The Mansfield orchestra, of Wickliffe, Ky., and the Misses Celia and Jennie Antoine composed the orchestra. The amateurs did well for the short time they have been practicing.

The Ananias club being in session at its newly opened hall and deeply engaged in the transaction of its regular business, a boy stepped in and handed the M. W. L. a telegram which he read and announced the contents to the assembly. It was to the effect that the Traveling Liar had been seen tramping down the I. M. railroad track en route for Blodgett, and would presently be in town. The gang immediately built a fire, heated a gallon of tar and secured a bolster full of goose hair. Bros. Dickerson, Paul, Adams and Blodgett were appointed to keep quarantine until the T. L. had hove to, which he did in a few minutes, and was greeted with a chorus of cat calls, good, bad and indifferent cries. He was heartily received by the club with a new suit of spring clothes, a la Atty. Gen. Tarsney, of Colorado. He then made a speech thanking them for their warm reception and asked for the return of his old clothes which he said he had become warmly attached to but which did not fit so snugly as his new suit of feathers. He then offered to set 'em up and when the gang had made a rush for the bar he decamped carrying off several coats and vests and has not been heard of since.

Last Friday night the lower right hand corner of our settlement was thrown into a state of excitement over the mysterious disappearance of a small urchin aged 13, who went visiting late in the evening and when the head of the family discovered his absence he began blowing horns, firing guns, etc. The fruitless search was kept up until 7 o'clock next morning and when they did find him he said he had been visiting for the purpose of getting a square meal.

S. S. & S.

—Things were all mixed up in Stringtown the beginning of the week. They celebrated the Fourth too soon and had a high old time. Some litigation may possibly come of some of the incidents of the celebration.

—We are told that the Larey Bros., of Sikeston, in addition to their Star and a new paper at New Madrid have also engaged to the Populists to have a paper of that stripe running in Morley by the 15th of this month. Go it, boys!

—The Jackson Volksfreund calls for a primary in Cape county. Now hear the ring howl!

—The Benton boys gave a dance at the Courthouse on Thursday evening. Commerce was notified and, with her usual generosity, chartered a train and sent us some twenty couples. A real good time was had.

—James Walker will give a picnic at Benton on Tuesday, July 17th, at which there will be Horse and Bicycle races, Base Ball good Eating, good music, good shade, a good dance floor and, in short, all that can make an enjoyable day. Don't fail to attend.

—Z. T. Gordon, the well-known photographer, of Morley, photographed the Newsum office last Thursday. All the best looking men of Benton were grouped in front of the office, and therefore the picture is naturally a dandy.

—If the railroad strike lasts until the melon crop is ready, Mr. Houck can charter a fleet of boats and carry the entire Scott county crop.

—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alford, of Cape Girardeau, were the guests of D. H. Leedy this week.

## BEHIND THE BARS.

Sheriff Tanner celebrated the Fourth by incarcerating five prisoners—four in Benton jail and one in the Sikeston calaboose.

They are T. M. Austin and Frank McCauley, the former of whom gets ten and the latter thirteen days for assault and battery. They were also charged with robbery, but the evidence was insufficient to convict.

Then there are James Perkins and Almos Underwood, held for burglary and larceny. Some time ago Malone & Vansauld, of Sikeston, lost a store key and had Underwood make a duplicate for them. He made two, with the second of which he and Perkins entered the store and helped themselves to a suit of clothes each.

The man in the Sikeston bastille is Frank Hodgepeth. He had worked for Geo. Metz, and on Tuesday while on a spree in Sikeston demanded his wages of Metz. On being refused he vowed vengeance. His vengeance took the felonious shape of arson, for he went out to the Marshall & Metz's farm and set fire to 2,000 bushels of wheat, which was very badly damaged before it could be put out. The sheriff tracked him from and to Sikeston, and he stands a likely chance to wear the State's striped livery.

## Shooting Near Sikeston.

Newt Jarrit shot John Limbaugh, at a camp, on Ed. Marshall's place, near Sikeston, on Thursday of last week. The ball entered on the left side of the abdomen and passed around to the right where it was extracted by Dr. Wyatt.

To a Newsum reporter Limbaugh said: "Jarrit and I were the best of friends. We roomed together. Thursday night we had some whisky at the camp and the boys were trying to get up a soap. I tried to keep it down. This enraged Jarrit and he began to abuse me. I called him a name and he told me not to do so again. I told him I would say what I pleased. At this he drew a revolver and said he would kill me and I ran in under him, hoping to throw him before he could fire. As I eluded him he threw his arm under me and fired."

Limbaugh is up and doing well. Sheriff Tanner and posse scoured the country all day Friday, and Marshall Ingram fired several shots at the fleeing prisoner, but they failed to capture him. Sheriff Tanner was in Benton Wednesday and informed us that he had Jarrit located and would have him soon.

—Charley Wylie spent the Fourth with the Benton folks.

—A. L. Daniels enjoyed the rain at Benton on the Fourth and found it as good as any other place on a wet day.

—We are in receipt of a letter from the more or less reverend Coates, entering a general denial of the charges made against him in the Record. The letter is wild and incoherent, and would not impress our readers with an abiding belief in its writer's sanity.

—Mont. Wade has the rheumatiz. That's what makes him cripple about with a cane these days.

—James Stoball, living in the Sandywoods, started for the Benton picnic Wednesday morning with his family. He stopped on the road and took shelter from the rain. On resuming his journey he was overtaken by a messenger with the intelligence that his house and its contents had been burned up. A subscription was taken up for him in town.

—Charley Bonnefon and Lee Leftwich are the proud possessors of high wheel bicycles, so if you meet either with his arm in a sling or his face sticking plaster all over, you will know it don't mean Fourth of July fireworks.

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## THE "GLORIOUS FOURTH."

It is a long time since Jupiter Pluvius took it in his fool head to knock the glory so completely out of the Fourth of July as he did last Wednesday. This was the more aggravating because, being campaign year, the woods were full of picnics, and extraordinary efforts had been made on all hands to make it a red letter day.

The French proverb says "Man proposes but God disposes." Wednesday morning opened with clouds and the clouds soon became rain. At all the picnic points little groups of those who always devote a full day to a picnic gathered, but they had it all to themselves. The barbecued meats, ice cream, ice-cold lemonade, the horse and bicycle races, base ball and dancing—all the fun and feasting and oratory of the occasion were wiped out by the rain for which we vainly prayed two weeks ago. The candidates were loaded to the muzzle with the most elevating patriotic eloquence, and, behold, the powers of darkness stepped in and dumped it all in a rain puddle.

We are sorry for the picnic protesters, on whom the loss principally falls. Their buildings, however, will doubtless be the scenes of not a few merry gatherings ere the season and the campaign close, and we have no doubt but they will be able to recompense themselves.

[Since writing the above theft from the Lamentations of Jeremiah we learn that both the Oran and Blodgett barbecues were howling successes. This we take as a personal affront. We hate waste of any kind, and waste of sympathy is very sinful, indeed. Better, however, for the newsgatherer to get left than the picnic people.]

## FROM LUKS'S CHAPEL.

The wheat crop is coming in lively and the warehouses are kept busy receiving the same. Corn looks well, with prospects of a good crop.

Rev. Brooks, of Sandywoods, is holding a protracted meeting here. We wish him success and hope he will convert the sinners in our neighborhood.

Lindsay Brown has returned from St. Louis, where he has been attending the Bryant & Stratton Business College.

The Sandywoods base ball team came out and crossed bats with the bottoms boys Saturday. The result was 30 to 12 in favor of the home team.

—The rain rained the Benton barbecue on the Fourth, but your Uncle Jim never says die. He will have the field all to himself on Tuesday the 17th, inst, when the best barbecue that ever took place in Scott county will be given. Bring all the family.

—Levi Brock and Irtie, the fourteen year old daughter of the late Ham Cannon, were married at Blodgett on the Fourth by Squire Peale. They procured the marriage license in Charleston, where somebody must have committed gross perjury in regard to his knowledge of the child's age. Mrs. Cannon pleaded with the girl to go home with her, but in vain. Mrs. Cannon threatens to prosecute the Recorder of Mississippi county.

—Mr. Walker billed the county for another try at his picnic last Thursday, but the elements were still impetuous. But wait until the 17th, and you will see at Benton the boss barbecue of the present year. Hon. Marsh. Arnold will most likely be home by that time; and has been invited to speak.

## PUBLIC SALE.

Of the partnership property of Vincent Heisserer and Josephine Halter on the Vincent Heisserer farm, one and one-quarter miles southwest of Benton, Mo., on

MONDAY, JULY 23, 1894.

Two 6-year-old mares with mule colts. Four 2-year-old mules. One 1-year-old mule. One 2-year-old filly. One 1-year-old filly. Eight cows. One heifer. Six or seven brood sows. About forty head of stock hogs. Half of all corn, hay and oats.

V. HEISSERER,  
JOSEPHINE HALTER.

## LATEST STRIKE NEWS.

Uncle Sam takes a Hand in the Muss, and Holds Trumps.

THE END PROBABLY NEAR.

The Great Debs will be Indicted.

The great railroad strike and tie-up is not likely to last. The very fresh Debs is to be indicted for criminal conspiracy. The government is determined to tolerate no interference with the transit of United States mails. Trains are being moved under the protection of federal troops. Militia are being called at Memphis near Cairo, United States troops are on duty at Chicago, Pueblo, Trinidad and Los Angeles. The railroad managers are jubilant and the strikers are giving in. It is probable that everything will be in motion by next Monday. At Bird's Point, Mississippi county, Sheriff Martin has been unable to set things moving, the strikers being too strong for his force. Very little blood has been shed, and it is hoped that the determined attitude of the authorities will prevent any serious results.

## THAT GREAT BALL.

The ball at the courthouse Thursday night reminded us of old times. Truly, the young people of Scott county are waking up. Commerce has an especially gay society circle, and they swooped in on Benton in telling numbers Thursday evening. Among those present were:

Messrs. Wade and Norval Anderson, Fred Coffman, Arthur Gaither, Doc Fulenwider, Joe Ellis, Thomas Campbell, Jesse Bowen, Ollie Lackey, John Beardslee, Wm. Ross, Ed. Childers, J. R. Matthews, Chas. Stone, H. G. Old, Van Sanders, Albert Ansell, Cove Moore, O. C. Burton, Shell Hutton, John Barker, Aug. Kaffenberger, Dalton Malugan, Cy. Harmon, Geo. Harrison, Sam Wagner, Ben Head and Mr. Darby. Misses Linda May Davis, Fattie Davis, Carrie Marshall, Fannie A. Deason, Esther Beardslee, Fannie W. He, Ada Daily, Fannie Ross, Jessie Ireland, Lizzie Clymer, Lou Tudy, Iona Clymer, and Laura Belk.

## THE A. P. A.

From the Farmington Times.

In their fear that the Catholics, as a religious sect, have in view the domination of our political institutions, have our friends of the A. P. A. ever disparagingly considered the tendency of the age in such matters? National religions are an error of the past, whether Roman or Protestant. The religion of the Savior of Mankind is growing and spreading, and will so continue until all peoples are brought under its subjection; but Christ's Kingdom is spiritual, not temporal; it is not of this world, and the sect that attempts to make it so will fail. Even in Italy, the seat of Romanism, this idea of his kingdom being of an earthly nature is fast losing its hold. France is no longer under its temporal dominion as it once was. In England the Protestant Episcopal as the established or national Church is weakening its hold, and other Protestant denominations are growing and attracting the people by their simple, natural and informal worship. As Christ prayed and worshipped the Father in the wilderness, on the hills of Judea and in the Garden of Gethsemane, so is the world learning that true worship is in the heart, in the closest and the silent communing with nature and nature's God, and not necessarily before the altar and swinging incense. With this growth of the pure spirit of Christianity in the world, the breaking down of the old partition walls of tradition and superstition, there is no danger that the old order of things will ever revive or obtain. They are crumbling away rather than being strengthened. Religious liberty is here to stay. Neither Catholicism nor Protestantism will dominate; but the Spirit of Christ in the hearts of all the people, and against this neither secret nor political organizations will prevail. If you would fight against it or any of the churches whose foundation is Faith in the "Man of Sorrows," take counsel of Gamaliel, who said to the High Priests when they were persecuting the Apostles, "Refrain from these men and let them alone, for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."

—Miss Francis Steck is now in a convalescent school teacher.

—Rube Matthews, of Sikeston, in the ball game last Thursday.